

NAYS—Senators Boyd, Brown, Bumpass, Coppedge, Foscue, Guinn, Jowers, Nelson, Neyland, Randolph, Reed, Sausley, Selman, Shelley and Truitt—15.

Upon motion of Senator Burney, the further consideration of the entire subject was postponed until Monday next at 10 o'clock.

Senator Sausley moved to take up the exemption bill.

Motion lost.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House bill to incorporate the Texas Transportation Company, on its second reading, was taken up, with the substitute reported by the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Substitute adopted.

Senator Shelley moved to amend as follows :

Strike out the words "than is authorized in this section," in the third section, where they occur between the words "Houston" and "without."

Lost.

Bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

Upon motion of Senator Foscue, the rule was suspended, read third time and passed by the following two-thirds vote :

YEAS—Senators Braswell, Blount, Brown, Bumpass, Burney, Cook, Dalrymple, Foscue, Guinn, Jowers, Nelson, Parker, Randolph, Record, Sausley, Selman, Shannon, Stell, Truitt and Yarbrow—20.

NAYS—Senators Knox, McDade, Reed and Shelley—4.

Senator Sausley moved to adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Motion lost.

Upon motion of Senator Truitt, Senate adjourned until to-morning 9 o'clock.

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SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, Sept. 13, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Foscue made the following report:

*To the President of the Senate :*

Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a House bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate the

Houston and Harrisburg Turnpike Company," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend its passage.

F. F. FOSCUE, one of the Committee.

Received, to come up in order.

Senator Coppedge made the following report:

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate :*

The Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An act to consolidate the counties of Cameron and Hidalgo into one land district, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

C. C. COPPEDGE, Chairman.

Received, to come up in order.

Senator McDade submitted the following report :

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate :*

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a House bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Trinity River Slack-water Navigation Company," have considered the same, and instruct me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

J. W. McDADE, for the Committee.

Received, to come up in order.

Senator Braswell made the following report :

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate :*

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the House bill entitled "An act to enable the Buffalo Bayou and Colorado Railway Company to change the present route of their road, and to purchase the charter, corporate rights and franchise of the Columbus Tap Railroad Company," having considered the same, instruct me to report it back, and recommend its passage.

S. N. BRASWELL, Chairman.

Received, to come up in order.

Senator Parker made the following report :

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate :*

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined a bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Heart's Creek Turnpike Company, in Titus county," and find the same correctly enrolled, properly signed, and they have this day presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

F. J. PARKER, Chairman.

Report accepted.

Senator Bumpass made the following report :

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, Paesident pro tem. of the Senate :*

Your committee, to whom was referred the bill granting charters for the building of toll-bridges across Pilot Grove Creek, Sister Grove Creek, and East Fork of Trinity, in Collin county, on the road leading from McKinney to Greenville, by Farmersville, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report the same back, and recommend the passage of the same, with the amendment, that each charter be separate, as the bills are provided, and reported by your committee.

JOHN K. BUMPASS, Chairman.

Received, to come up in order.

Message from the House, announcing the passage of the following bills :

A bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Sabine and Galveston Canal Company."

A bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Greenville Male and Female Academy."

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend the 3d section of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Southern Cotton Press and Manufacturing Company."

A bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Mount Pleasant Male and Female Institute."

A bill to be entitled "An act to extend for twenty years the provisions of an act to incorporate the Protection Fire Company in the city of Houston, approved January 20, 1848."

A bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the release of children, and other persons, citizens of the State of Texas, which are now, have been, or may hereafter be, held as prisoners of war by the Indians."

Senator Brown introduced a bill to amend the 67th and 68th sections of an act entitled "An act to regulate proceedings in the District Court, passed May 13th, 1846."

Bill read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Dalrymple introduced a bill to repeal Article 1703, Section 10, and Article 1704, Section 11, Oldham and White's Digest, Civil Statutes, approved February 5th, 1840.

Bill read first time, and referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Resolution, formerly introduced by Senator Randolph, relating to fees and salaries of officers, &c., and increasing same one-

third, &c., &c., taken up, and upon motion of Senator Randolph, laid on the table.

Substitute for Senate bill, relating to the selection of a special Judge, in particular cases, taken up, and read second time.

Senator Reed moved to recommit it to a select committee of three.

Lost.

Upon motion of Senator Jowers, bill laid on the table for the present.

Resolution relating to daily sessions of the Senate, taken up, and upon motion of Senator Cook, laid on the table.

Upon motion of Senator Jowers, the substitute and bills reported by the Judiciary Committee, relating to the Stay Laws, was taken up, and one hundred copies of report and bills ordered to be printed.

A bill amending the Code of Criminal Procedure, on its third reading, was taken up and passed.

A bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the time that Railroad passenger cars shall stop at way stations, was taken up.

Senator Neyland moved to strike out "two" and insert "three." Carried.

Senator Cook moved to amend as follows: insert in the last line, "in any county," between the words "indictment" and "through."

Carried.

Bill as amended, read third time, and passed.

Senator Stell made the following report:

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate:*

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a House bill entitled "An act to amend an act to incorporate the town of Clarksville, in Red River county, approved January 31, 1852," have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

J. W. STELL, Chairman.

Received, to come up in order.

Senator Stell also reports:

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate:*

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a House bill entitled "An act to discharge firemen from serving on juries," have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the following amendments: Strike out the words after the word "performed,"

in 13th line, to the word "shall," inclusive in 14th line; and when so amended, recommend its passage.

J. W. STELL, Chairman.

Received, to come up in order.

Senator Stell also reports :

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate :*

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a House bill entitled "An act for the relief of the town of Bastrop," have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same, with the following amendment: Strike out the words "said corporation," in 6th and 7th lines, and insert instead thereof the words "the town of Bastrop:" and when so amended, recommend its passage.

J. W. STELL, Chairman.

Received, to come up in order.

Senator Stell also reports :

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate :*

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a "joint resolution inviting labor and capital into this State," the same having passed the House, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report said resolutions back to the Senate, and recommend their passage.

J. W. STELL, Chairman.

Received, to come up in order.

Senator Stell also reports :

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate :*

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a House bill to be entitled "An act creating the office of State Librarian," have considered the same, and instructed me to report it back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

J. W. STELL, Chairman.

Received, to come up in order.

Senator Stell also reports as follows :

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate :*

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a House bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Galveston Socialian Turn Verein," have considered the same, and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

J. W. STELL, Chairman.

Received, to come up in order.

Upon motion of Senator Shelley, a bill for the relief of Wm. Berryman, taken up out of its order, and recommitted to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Senate bill to repeal certain acts therein named, on its third reading, taken up, read third time, and passed.

Senate bill to amend the 3d, 4th, 5th and 9th sections of an act to authorize the County Courts of this State to grant a license for the retail of spirituous, vinous, and other intoxicating liquors, in quantities less than a quart, and imposing a license tax for such privilege, approved February 2d, 1856, taken up, read third time, and passed.

The following House bills, on their first reading, were taken up, and referred as indicated.

Bill to authorize the Court of Police to district the counties of the State into Commissioner's Districts.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Bill to provide for the issuance of writs of garnishment by the Clerks of District and County Courts, and by Justices of the Peace, in certain cases.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Bill to render valid certain forms in suits and proceedings in the courts of this State.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Bill to encourage direct steam communication and commerce with Europe.

Referred to Committee on Manufactures and Commerce.

Upon motion of Senator Parker, House bill providing for the appointment of Commissioner of Statistics, was taken up, and amendments recommended by the Committee on State Affairs, adopted.

Senator Parker moved to strike out the words "Be it further enacted," wherever they occur in the 7th and 8th sections of the bill.

Motion prevailed.

Senator Record moved to amend as follows: After the word "*Texas*," in third line of section 1st, insert, "who shall reside in this State."

Carried.

Senator Reed moved to strike out the words "in coin," wherever they occur in the bill.

The yeas and nays being called, the motion was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Blount, Boyd, Bumpass, Burney, Cook, Coppedge, Dalrymple, Nelson, Record, Reed, Saufley, Selman, Shannon and Yarbrow—14.

NAYS—Senators Braswell, Brown, Cooley, Foscoe, Guinn,

Jowers, Knox, McDade, Neyland, Parker, Randolph, Shelley, Stell and Truitt—14.

Senator Blount moved to strike out the 2d section of the bill. The yeas and nays being called, the amendment was made by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Blount, Brown, Bumpass, Coppedge, Dalrymple, Guinn, Nelson, Record, Reed, Saufley, Selman, Shannon, Truitt and Yarbrow—14.

NAYS—Senators Braswell, Burney, Cook, Cooley, Foscue, Jowers, Knox, McDade, Neyland, Parker, Randolph, Shelley, and Stell—13.

A message was received from the House, asking the return of a bill to encourage direct steam communication and commerce with Europe.

The vote referring bill to Committee on Manufactures and Commerce was reconsidered.

Bill called back, and sent into the House, as requested.

The consideration of the bill relating to the appointment of a Commissioner of Statistics being resumed,

Senator Cook moved to amend the bill by inserting the following, as section 2d: "That the Governor shall have the power to appoint 3 Assistant Commissioners, namely, one in Galveston, one in Liverpool, and one in Germany.

Senator Saufley moved to lay bill and amendments on the table.

The yeas and nays being called, the motion to table was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Blount, Brown, Bumpass, Coppedge, Dalrymple, Lane, Nelson, Record, Reed, Saufley, Selman, Shannon, Truitt and Yarbrow—14.

NAYS—Senators Braswell, Boyd, Burney, Cook, Cooley, Foscue, Guinn, Jowers, Knox, McDade, Neyland, Parker, Randolph, Shelley and Stell—15.

Senator Guinn moved to amend the amendment by striking out Galveston.

Carried.

Amendment as amended made, Senator Record moved to amend bill by inserting the words, "and keep his office and transact his business at its capital," after the word "State," in third line, section 1st.

Senator Stell moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words "its capital," and inserting "Galveston."

Upon motion of Senator Guinn, the amendments were laid on the table; and

Upon motion of Senator Parker, the bill as amended was re-committed to the Committee on State Affairs.

Upon motion of Senator Record, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
Sept. 14, 1886. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor, and upon motion of Senator McDade, was taken up and read :

STATE OF TEXAS, }  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Austin, Sept. 13th, 1886. }

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

I regret to inform you that on the night of the 7th inst. the town of Brenham was set on fire, which resulted in the destruction of a large amount of property. From information received through gentlemen of the highest respectability, based upon the sworn statements of citizens of unquestioned veracity, there is no doubt of the fact that the fire was the work of U. S. soldiers stationed in the vicinity of the town. As soon as I received information of the burning, knowing that General Wright had left Galveston, I telegraphed to Major Lathrop, at Houston, that I wished him to go at once to Brenham and investigate the whole affair, and also requested him to communicate my dispatch to the commanding officer at Galveston. I was promptly answered by Major Lathrop and Lt. Col. Mason of Galveston. The latter officer expected to get to Brenham on Monday's train, but I learn there was no connection, and he failed to reach there. I doubt not, however, that he is there before this time.

Enclosed I send you a memorial of the citizens who were the sufferers by the fire. And in response to their request I would recommend that your Honorable Body appoint a joint committee whose duty it shall be to proceed at once to Brenham, with authority to take testimony as to the origin of the fire, the amount of property destroyed, and the value of the same, in order that the whole subject may be laid before the authorities of the General Government. As soon as I was informed of the